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## [54] HOOD ORNAMENT ALARM

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## [57] ABSTRACT

A Mercedes Benz hood ornament structure is modified to include an alarm actuator switch connected to the vehicle horn. The spring-loaded restraint which holds the hood ornament element in its upright position is affixed with a sliding contact which rises into contact with a fixed contact when the hood ornament is deflected forwardly. The two contacts are wired into the horn circuit so that the horn is actuated when the ornament element is deflected forwardly, and the geometry of the mounting for the hood element is such that deflections rearwardly and sideways, such as might occur by accident or in a car wash, will not actuate the horn.

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